

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, the claims pending in the subject application are 1 and 3-10. Reconsideration of this application based on the Amendments and Remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

It is acknowledged that claim 1 is allowed.

35 U.S.C. §112 REJECTIONS

Claims 2-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 3-10 depend from claim 1, which is an at least four component system, but claims 3-10 recite a "coating composition". It was alleged that it was unclear whether the components in claims 3-10 were in mixed or unmixed state. Additionally, if the components were in mixed form, it was unclear how component III would be substantially free of acrylate copolymers since other components could contain an acrylate copolymer. Claims 3-10 have been amended to more clearly indicate that they refer to the at least four component system of claim 1, which is in an unmixed state. It is respectfully submitted that claims 3-10 are not indefinite.

Claims 11-13 were rejected. These claims have been canceled, and, therefore, this rejection is rendered moot.

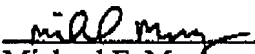
35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 REJECTIONS

Claims 2-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO97/42247 as interpreted by United States Patent No. 6,025,031 to Lettmann et al.

Claims 2 and 11-23 have been canceled. Claims 3-10 have been amended to more clearly indicate that they refer to the at least four component system of claim 1, which is allowed. Because claims 3-10 are narrower in scope than allowed claim 1, they are, therefore, also allowable.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the 35 USC §102, §103, and §112 rejections, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 1 and 3-10. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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